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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6051-review.docx).

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer. The changes are highlighted in yellow within the manuscript.

a. Can authors mention the changes of transcriptome after HBV or HCV treatment?

We have included a section on "Gene signatures from HBV and HCV treatment" to discuss the change of transcriptomics after HBV and HCV treatment in pages 7-8.

b. Any common candidate genes were found in three different methods.

Currently, there are no candidate genes commonly identified by the three different methods. This is discussed in the section "Perspectives".

c. Advantage and disadvantage of three different methods should make a table.

We have included the discussion of advantages and limitations of the three methods in their respective sections, and summarized in Table 4.

d. Please refer to more some references on certain tumor suppressor gene for liver cancer recurrence and prognosis.

We have included a section on "Prognostic values of known HCC oncogenes and tumour suppressors" to discuss the prognostic values of oncogenes and tumour suppressors in HCC (Pages 3-4).

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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